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BERKELEY BECKONS YOU! -- A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BEACH

In this May issue of the Newsletter, Vice-President Helen B. Uhrich supplies us with the latest information on plans for the Tenth Annual Conference of ATLA at Berkeley. Under Miss Uhrich's able direction, and with the guidance of the Executive Committee, a fine program has been planned. Our host librarian, Stillson Judah, and his colleagues have done a great deal to make the experience the highly rewarding one it is certain to be!

Not least in the picture is the opportunity of continuing our fellowship with our administrative colleagues of AATS. From the beginning we have worked with them in developing sessions which would be enriched by joint attendance and fellowship. Do you recall the joint Conferences of Dayton in 1948, Columbus in 1950, Louisville in 1952, and Chicago in 1954? We are stronger for these fine associations.

Your Executive Committee urges you to come to Berkeley! Should the program itself fail to tempt you sufficiently, remember that ATLA depends heavily upon our Conference experience for its on-going vitality. Your Executive Committee and your Standing Committees can accomplish just so much by correspondence, and by occasional interim meetings. We need strong Conference experiences to strengthen our work. With the AATS Survey of Theological Education to be reported on, this is a strategic time for a careful look at our library programs and aspirations. Moreover, we have reached a stage where basic questions of constitution, program and direction in the life of our Association need to be asked. Your wisdom is required. Your presence lifts us all! So, come to Berkeley!

Dr. Henry M. Brimm, Librarian of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, has been appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He will be assisted by two additional Committee members to be selected from the number of those attending at Berkeley. Meanwhile, Dr. Brimm will welcome suggestions.

Since a main feature of this tenth Annual Conference will be a joint session with AATS on Wednesday afternoon, it has been suggested that we do some advance "homework" by reading the newly published Harper title: The Purpose of the Church and Its Ministry, by Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr and his colleagues. This is the first publication to represent the findings of the recently completed Survey of Theological Education.

Dr. Raymond P. Morris, Librarian of Yale Divinity School, is Chairman of the ATLA Constitution Committee. Other members are Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp, Librarian of Princeton Theological Seminary, and Miss Margaret J. Hort, Librarian of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Your ideas on constitutional matters will be welcomed by any member of the Committee.

PROGRAM

American Theological Library Association
Tenth Annual Conference, Berkeley, California, June 20-22, 1956
Host: Pacific School of Religion, J. Stillson Judah, Librarian

TUESDAY, June 19

Executive Committee meets at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. An evening meeting is also a possibility.

WEDNESDAY, June 20

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Worship Service - Dr. Francis L. Bouquet

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Greetings - Mr. Robert F. Beach, President

Greetings from the Pacific School of Religion - Dr. Hugh
Vernon White, Professor of Christian Theology and World
Christianity, Pacific School of Religion

Presentation of Aims of Conference - Miss Helen B. Uhrich,
Vice-President

Instructions - Mr. J. Stillson Judah, Host

Opening Business Session

Announcement of Conference Committee Appointments

Committee Reports: Constitution
Membership

Paper: "Professional Ethics and Librarianship" - Mr. Calvin
Schmitt, Librarian, McCormick Theological Seminary,
Chicago, Illinois

12:10 p.m. - Lunch

1:30 p.m. - AFTERNOON SESSION - Joint Meeting with AATS

Worship - Dr. Ralph E. Knudson, Dean, Berkeley Baptist
Divinity School

Panel Discussion: "The Proposal for the Reorganization of the
Curriculum" - Dean Bernhard W. Anderson, Chairman; Dean
Myron Hopper, Dean Charles Fielding, Dr. Carl Rasmussen,
Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr and Dr. Daniel D. Williams

Coffee Break

General Discussion, with Adjournment at 4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - EVENING SESSION

Committee Reports: Sealantic
Periodical Indexing
Microphotography

Joint Social Hour with AATS at 9:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Continued

THURSDAY, June 21

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Worship Service - Dr. Francis L. Bouquet

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Committee Reports: Buildings and Equipment
Cataloging and Classification
Cooperation

Bibliographical paper on the Disciples of Christ - Mr.
Roscoe M. Pierson, Librarian, The College of the Bible,
Lexington, Kentucky

Panel on Acquisition and Ordering - Mr. Elton E. Shell,
Chairman; Mr. Frederick L. Chenery, Mr. Decherd Turner,
Jr., and Dr. Niels H. Sonne

12:10 p.m. - Lunch

1:30 p.m. - Tour of the University of California Library

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Bancroft Library (special collections on
the history of California, Western Americana and
Colonial Latin America)

Special Exhibit for ATLA

"On-the-Spot" Workshops - Auditorium

Introduction of members of workshop panel and intro-
duction to the University and its services - Mr.
Robert E. Burke

"Public Service in the Bancroft Library" - Dr. John
Barr Thomkins, Bancroft Library

"Cataloging of Manuscripts and Microfilm" - Mrs.
Julia Macleod, Bancroft Library

"Here Today, Here Tomorrow; Photography of Library
Materials" - Mr. William R. Hawken, Head,
Library of Photographic Service, General Library

(The above talks will be limited to 15 minutes with
time for questions following.)

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. - Recess

3:15 - 4:30 p.m. - General Library

"The Divided Catalog" - Mr. George Piternick, Catalog
General Consultant

Tours of the Library, including visits to the divided
catalog, Social Science Reference Room, Bureau of
Public Administration, Map Room, Circulation De-
partment (with its IBM charge-out system), Rare
Book Room, Reading Room and the East Asiatic
Library. Guides will be provided from the General
Reference Service to take the divided group on
these tours.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Continued

6:30 p.m. - EVENING SESSION

Banquet

Recognition of New Members

Guest Speaker - Dr. J. Periam Danton, Dean and Professor,
School of Librarianship, University of California,
Berkeley, California

Business Session

Committee Reports: International Association of Theological
Libraries

Newsletter

Periodical Exchange

Personnel and Placement

FRIDAY, June 22

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Worship Service - Dr. Francis L. Bouquet

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Closing Business Session

Auditor's Report

Committee Reports: Resolutions

Nominations

Election of Officers

12:10 p.m. - Lunch

1:15 p.m. - Tour of the San Francisco Bay Area (see story below,
page 6, for details)

Executive Committee meets in the evening.

PROGRAM NOTES FROM MISS UHRICH

No doubt we are all aware that Berkeley is a center for theological and allied studies. Located within half a block of the Pacific School of Religion are the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, the Starr King School for the Ministry, and St. Margaret's House (The School of Christian Service, for Episcopal Women). Also in Berkeley are the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, where we shall have our joint meeting with AATS on the afternoon of June 20 and also our joint social hour with them that evening; the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary; and the Golden Gate Southern Baptist Seminary. Organized tours to these libraries are not being planned as part of the scheduled program since these schools are so close to where we shall be meeting that individuals can make visits as they wish. There will be a brief visit to the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo on Friday afternoon as part of our tour of the Bay Area.

PROGRAM NOTES FROM MISS UHRICH - Continued

One of our most important meetings while at Berkeley will be our joint meeting with AATS on Wednesday afternoon. We all know that the findings of the recent survey of theological education will be presented at this time. To quote Dr. Walter N. Roberts, Executive Secretary of the AATS, concerning their forthcoming biennial meeting, "This is perhaps the most important meeting the Association has ever held." Certainly it will be no less important for ATLA. This session will be held at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

On Thursday afternoon we shall have the privilege of visiting the University of California Library, one of the largest and greatest educational institutions in this country, if not in the world. Members of the staff have planned special exhibits, "on-the-spot" workshops and tours of the Library. The opportunity to inspect this superb library should not be missed.

Plans for the Panel on Acquisition and Ordering have been developed carefully and thoughtfully. Mr. Shell, the Chairman, will introduce the subject with a discussion on "The Philosophy Involved in Developing an Adequate Collection." Mr. Chenery will present "Specific Order Procedures and Techniques." Mr. Turner will discuss "Where to Order;" and Dr. Sonne will tell us "How to Develop a Rare Book Collection and Where to Order Rare Books."

We are looking forward to having Dr. Carl S. Rasmussen with us in Berkeley. Dr. Rasmussen, the Henry Singmaster Professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is the new AATS representative on the ATLA Executive Committee. Those of us who met him at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Chicago in February found him a charming and delightful person, keenly interested in our problems and able to bring fresh and valuable insights to our discussions.

Meetings of the Union, Dewey and Library of Congress Classification Round Tables have been called for Thursday, June 21, during the luncheon period. More details will be available at the opening of the Conference.

We shall all be interested in seeing at first hand the union catalog at the Library of the Pacific School of Religion. This catalog shows the holdings in nine other libraries in the area, making a total library collection of a quarter of a million volumes available in this subject field. We hope to hear in more detail the way this catalog is put together and how it works.

If any ATLA members are interested in seeing steel shelving and book drawers manufactured, the W. R. Ames Company, manufacturers of steel library shelving, stands ready to conduct plant tours at any hour designated. They will also be happy to transport interested librarians to steel shelving installations in the area which they think might be of interest to ATLA members. It should be noted here that Stillson Judah's library has such installations so that they may be seen there, but those who want even more should contact directly the W. R. Ames Company, 150 Hooper Street, San Francisco 7, California (phone: Market 1-3700).

WTLA TO SPONSOR BAY AREA TOUR

The Western Theological Library Association has extended an invitation to the members of ATLA attending the Berkeley Conference in June to be its guests on a tour of the Bay Area of San Francisco. The tour will be made by chartered Gray Line bus and will leave the Pacific School of Religion at 1:15 p.m., Friday, June 22. It will terminate in downtown San Francisco by 5:30.

The itinerary is to be as follows: through Berkeley, Albany and Richmond to San Rafael Ferry; past historic San Rafael Mission to San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo where a 20-30 minute stop will be made; past Redwoods; through Marin County; past the new site of Golden Gate Theological Seminary on San Francisco Bay; through Ross, Kentfield, Larkspur, Corte Madera, Mill Valley and Sausalito; over Golden Gate Bridge to San Francisco to visit Lincoln Park, Golden Gate Park, Civic Center, Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, and Union Square where the tour will end.

Members will be able to leave the tour at 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 or 5:15 near depots for out-of-town connections. Since the tour will end downtown, those who are not leaving will find themselves conveniently located to dine on seafood at Fisherman's Wharf or on Chinese food in Chinatown. The tour will be complimentary to guests by WTLA, with a \$1.00 fee per person for ferry and bridge tolls. Dr. Francis L. Bouquet, Librarian of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, is in charge of the arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE: All persons who wish to go on the Bay Area tour are requested to indicate this fact to Mr. Judah by a postal card at their earliest convenience. The following address should be used: Mr. J. Stillson Judah, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley 9, California.

ATLA BOOK PUBLISHERS' EXHIBIT

Again this year, on behalf of ATLA, Mr. Alec Allenson is arranging for a publishers' exhibit of religious books at the June Conference, similar to the highly successful display which he supervised last year at the New York Conference. At that time 45 publishers contributed approximately 470 titles, which were displayed throughout the Conference and then made available to member librarians at half price.

This year, due to Mr. Allenson's convalescence from injuries received in an automobile accident late last winter, Mr. Fred C. Becker of Harper's has undertaken the organizational work under Mr. Allenson's direction. Letters concerning the coming exhibition have been sent to the publishers and the favorable replies indicate that we may expect an even more comprehensive display than that of last year. It is expected that at least 600 titles will be available.

ATLA BOOK PUBLISHERS' EXHIBIT - Continued

Prior to the Conference, lists of the exhibit books are being mailed to member librarians, both to inform them of the selection and to give them an opportunity to place their request for one copy of each title at half-price. Members are requested to check their selections and return the list to Robert F. Beach, Librarian, Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street, New York 27, New York. Mr. Allenson's son, Robert, who is now studying at Union, will assist in handling the clerical work. Lists will be numbered as received and priority established in receipt order. In fairness to the publishers who are making this exhibit possible, participation in the half price plan is contingent upon a member of the library staff being present at the 1956 meeting. Librarians or their representatives must confirm their orders at the book exhibit to make sure that they will be entitled to this special 50% discount.

Since only one copy of each title is available at half price, provision will be made for members to have their order completed at 20% discount for the balance of titles selected, if desired. This provision is entirely optional and is made so that participating publishers may realize some immediate and tangible results from the exhibit.

Mr. Allenson has arranged that, as is customary, the entire proceeds of the sale of books in the exhibit will go to the ATLA treasury. All bills for these books will be payable to the Association treasurer. Only the books ordered in addition to those purchased from the display under the optional arrangement will be sent and charged separately by Mr. Allenson. Unsold books become the property of the host library.

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY EXTENDS INVITATION

An invitation to visit the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, San Marino 9, California, has been extended to the members of the Association by the Librarian, Mr. Leslie E. Bliss. The Huntington Library is one of the outstanding libraries of the world, with approximately 200,000 rare items and about one million letters and documents. The Library, Art Gallery, and Botanical Gardens, together with an endowment for their maintenance, were the gift of Henry Edwards Huntington (1850-1927), and were deeded as a free research center for the use and benefit of all qualified persons. Since 1928, when the exhibitions were opened to the public, nearly four million visitors have been received.

The collections center on English and American history and literature. A selection of manuscripts and printed books of general interest is on permanent display. Among the principal items are:

The Ellesmere manuscript of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, made about 1410

The Gutenberg Bible (Mainz, about 1450-1455), the first printed Bible and the earliest large book produced, in Europe, with movable type

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY EXTENDS INVITATION - Continued

The first book printed in the English language, The Recuyell of the Historyes of Troye; printed at Bruges, by Caxton and Mansion, in 1475.

The first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays, printed in 1623, known as the "First Folio"

George Washington's genealogy in his own handwriting, compiled in 1792 during his presidency

Benjamin Franklin's "Autobiography" in his own handwriting, 1771-1778

There are also frequent special exhibitions of literary and historical interest. Currently on display from January 17 through September 30 is an exhibition commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. Manuscripts and first and early editions are arranged to suggest Franklin as the public servant, patriot, diplomat, cosmopolitan and philosopher, or to illustrate his accomplishments as printer, editor, scientist and inventor. The original manuscript of the Autobiography is in the place of honor. There is also Franklin's Broadside Appeal for Funds for the Society for the Abolition of Slavery, Philadelphia, 1789, and his Abridgement of the Book of Common Prayer, London, 1773.

The Art Gallery, of modified Georgian architecture, contains seven principal galleries and fifteen smaller galleries and halls, in which are shown approximately 400 objects of art, including about 65 paintings, and tapestries, furniture, rugs, clocks, porcelains, and miniatures produced in England and France in the eighteenth century. Among the canvases exhibited are paintings by Gainsborough, Reynolds, Romney, Lawrence, Stuart, Turner, etc. The most popular paintings include "Sarah Siddons as The Tragic Muse" by Sir Joshua Reynolds, "Pinkie" by Sir Thomas Lawrence, and "The Blue Boy" by Thomas Gainsborough.

The Botanical Gardens surrounding the Library and Art Gallery are described as unusually lovely, and should be a paradise for the photographers in our group. Fifty of the 200 acres comprising the estate are open to visitors. These Gardens contain approximately 50,000 plants, representing about fifty years of development. There is an Oriental Garden, with a small canyon transformed into an oriental garden with traditional ornaments; a Desert Plant Garden, containing the largest collection of mature specimens of cacti, etc., growing out-of-doors, in the world; the Cycad Collection of about fifty specimens of these aged varieties from Asia, Australia, Mexico, South Africa, etc.; the Palm Collection of about 200 specimens collected from both hemispheres.

Mr. Bliss, the Librarian, informs us that individual reservations to visit the Huntington Library and Art Gallery are no longer necessary. Groups of ten or more must make reservations either by mail or by telephoning the Library in advance (Ry 1-6601 or Sycamore 2-6141). Hours are from 1:00 to 4:30, every day except Mondays and certain holidays.

There is a parking area for those who plan to drive. Others traveling by train or air should see their travel agent for suggestions on how to include San Marino in their itinerary. Certainly this treasure-house should be included in one's trip West, if at all possible.

DR. MORRIS CONSULTANT TO WORLD COUNCIL IN GENEVA

Upon the invitation of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Raymond P. Morris, Librarian of the Yale Divinity School, recently served as consultant to the World Council in Geneva, Switzerland, concerning the organization and future development of their Archives and Library. Dr. Morris was in Europe from March 15 until May 14, spending a month of this time in Geneva. In addition to fulfilling his primary assignment, he visited libraries, special collections and book dealers in the interests of Yale University and of the Divinity School.

Going first to Great Britain, Dr. Morris stopped in Edinburgh for a visit to the University of Edinburgh Library, in Birmingham at the Selby Oaks Colleges and Birmingham University, in Oxford and Cambridge for visits to the university libraries, and in London at the British Museum and Dr. Williams' Library. While in London, he met with Mr. Roger Thomas and Mr. Robert L. Collison with whom he discussed matters of interest to the ATLA.

On his way to Switzerland, Dr. Morris stopped in Brussels in order to visit the University Library at Louvain, and in Paris to spend some time at the Bibliotheque Nationale and the Sorbonne. Following his month's work with the World Council in Geneva, Dr. Morris' itinerary took him to Rome for visits to the Vatican Library and the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and to Hamburg to see Dr. Walter Freytag.

The concluding portion of his trip was spent in the Scandinavian countries, with time in Copenhagen, Stockholm, Uppsala, Sigtuna and Oslo. In the last of these cities he visited the Egede Instituttet and the International Institute of Scientific Missionary Research. Dr. Morris returned to the United States on May 14.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

The Committee on Buildings and Equipment invites all members with problems in these areas to confer with them at the Berkeley Conference. Individual consultations can be arranged, and the committee will be ready to examine blue prints, drawings or sketches, or to advise on particular problems.

You may bring blue prints, if you would like to have suggestions and advice from the committee. None of us is an expert but all of us have had some recent building experience and may be able to help you.

ATLA members are asked to report to the committee on any new library equipment recently purchased which is proving to be useful and which other members of ATLA would appreciate having listed in the annual Proceedings. Such information is being gathered and will be displayed at the Berkeley meeting in June, either by advertising literature, or by displays of such recommended equipment. Replies may be addressed to Miss Elinor C. Johnson, Augustana Theological Seminary Library, Rock Island, Illinois.

-- Harold B. Prince, Chairman

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS MEET

The seventh meeting of the Western Theological Library Association was held at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles on March 2, 1956. President Francis L. Bouquet presided, and twenty members and guests were present. The host, Mr. Elton E. Shell, Librarian of the University of Southern California School of Religion, introduced Dr. Lewis F. Steig, Librarian of the University of Southern California, who welcomed the group to the University Library and campus.

An address by Mr. J. Stillson Judah concerned developments of interest to theological libraries, the Brussels meeting of the International Association of Theological Libraries, and the importance of the WTLA inventory-acquisition-cooperation project. He announced that the revision of the WTLA Union List of Periodicals (California) will be completed shortly.

The philosophy and purpose of the recent Bible classification scheme entitled Organize Your Library, A Manual for Home, Pastor's Study or Church, was explained by its author, Mr. Elton E. Shell; and a short period of discussion followed. The Director of the University of Southern California School of Library Service, Dr. Martha T. Boaz, then spoke on "Reference Works of Interest to Theological Librarians."

The afternoon session featured two seminars on classification problems, with Mr. Shell presiding at the Dewey group and Dr. Arnold Ehlert at the Union group.

The following officers of the Association were elected for the year 1956-1957: President, Dr. Madge Lewis (Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Berkeley); Vice-President, Miss Genevieve Kelly (Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley); and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Claire B. Shetter (Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley).

The Christian Librarian's Association met at the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, on April 19. Mr. Elton E. Shell, Librarian of the School of Religion at the University of Southern California, led the devotions; and Miss Clara B. Allen, Acting Librarian of the Fuller Theological Seminary, gave a brief history of the library which she heads. The featured speaker was Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Professor of Systematic Theology and Christian Philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary, who discussed the recent trends in theological literature. Dr. Henry also told about the new periodical, Christianity Today, which will begin publication in October and which he will edit.

ATLA PERIODICAL INDEX TO BE READY SOON

Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt reports that he has received word from the printer indicating that the ATLA Index to Religious Periodical Literature for 1953-1954 will be shipped on or about June 1. The American Library Association will act as the distributor. Copies of the new volume of the Index will be on display at the Berkeley Conference, and announcement of ordering procedure will be made at that time.

SAMPLE ORDER FORMS TO BE EXHIBITED AT BERKELEY

The Panel on Acquisition and Ordering is planning an exhibition of order forms in connection with its discussion at the Tenth Annual ATLA Conference in Berkeley. All members of the Association are invited and urged to send samples of the forms in use in their libraries to Mr. Frederick L. Chenery, Librarian, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, 606 Rathervue Place, Austin 5, Texas. It is hoped that ATLA members will cooperate in furnishing order forms for this exhibit even though they may not be planning to attend the Berkeley Conference.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

The Library of the American Baptist Theological Seminary is in need of a copy of the Report of the Committee on Library Standards of the American Association of Theological Schools. Anyone who has an extra copy is asked to communicate with Mr. George C. Monroe, Jr., Librarian, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville 7, Tennessee.

Dr. L. R. Elliott is seeking information on the Brazilian Methodist journal entitled O Expositor Christao. Any ATLA member having a file of this periodical or knowing the location of a file is requested to write to Dr. Elliott at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Pierre R. Quiers, Librarian of the Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, would like reactions from ATLA members regarding the possibility of our Association sponsoring the preparation of a combined style and research manual designed specifically for the instruction of theological students carrying out research, assembling bibliographical information and writing papers. Mrs. Quiers shares the concern felt by many theological librarians about the inadequate preparation many seminary students have for conducting and reporting their research projects. Comments and suggestions regarding possible approaches to this problem may be addressed to Mrs. Quiers at the Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, 116 East 22nd Street, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

Miss Alice M. Dagan, Secretary of ATLA, still needs copies of all earlier issues of the ATLA Proceedings. She suggests that anyone having copies available notify her of what he has rather than send them directly to her. Miss Dagan will then instruct the librarian holding the available issue as to where it should be sent. The sender will be reimbursed for the postage used.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT NOTES

The Theological Seminary of the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa, held the formal opening of its new library building on May 3. The convocation address was delivered by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, President of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The Reverend George Brinkmann Ehlhardt is the Librarian of the Seminary.

The Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California, has just completed an extensive addition to its building which greatly increases the space available to the School's Library. New library facilities include a fire-proof stack room, reading room and office and work space. Mrs. George F. Patterson is the Librarian.

The Union Theological Seminary Library in Richmond, Virginia, moved into a new addition to its book stacks earlier this spring. The new section provides shelving space for 30,000 volumes and contains 54 study carrels and 8 private studies. The Union Library reached its 150th birthday on April 4 of this year. Dr. Henry M. Brimm is the Librarian.

POSITIONS OPEN

The Hartford Seminary Foundation Library will have a cataloger's position open on August 1, 1956. Some knowledge of French and German is regarded as desirable. The library's collection numbers about 200,000 volumes. Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Edward L. Sheppard, Librarian, Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford 5, Connecticut.

The position of Seminary Librarian at the North Park College and Theological Seminary in Chicago will be open this summer or fall. Interested persons should communicate with Miss Betty Jane Highfield, Librarian, North Park College and Seminary, 3225 Foster Avenue, Chicago 25, Illinois.

The Princeton Theological Seminary Library is looking for junior catalogers who can do a scholarly job in descriptive cataloging. The salary range is from \$3,500 to \$4,000. Interested persons may write to Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp, Librarian, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, or may arrange for an interview with Miss Isabelle Stouffer, Assistant Librarian, at the ATLA Conference in Berkeley.

MR. KIEFFER ISSUES AN INVITATION

Mr. Jay Kieffer, operator of the Conestoga Book Service in Pasadena, California, wishes to extend an invitation to all ATLA members planning to come to California for the June Conference. Mr. Kieffer will be glad for librarians to come and examine his stock either before or after the Berkeley meetings, and if he is notified in advance, can arrange for a certain number to be guests in his and Mrs. Kieffer's home. Mr. Kieffer's address is Conestoga Book Service, 70 South San Rafael Avenue, Pasadena 2, California. His telephone is Sycamore 2-5936. It is suggested that interested persons make note of this information since the Conestoga Book Service carries on its business entirely by mail and thus is not in the telephone directory.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Mr. Alec R. Allenson of the Blessing Book Store in Chicago was severely injured in an automobile accident on February 25 as he was returning from a winter vacation trip to Florida. His car skidded on icy pavement and crashed into a tree, breaking his right arm and left thigh. Mrs. Allenson and her sister, who were passengers in the car, were also injured but are recovering. Mr. Allenson, although improving, is still confined to St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He reported to the Newsletter on May 15 that his right arm is out of its cast but that his thigh needs more time to heal before he can be out of bed and in a wheel chair. He is certain, therefore, that he will not be able to attend the ATLA Conference in Berkeley in June.

Miss Marina E. Axeen, Librarian of Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, is on a sabbatical leave of absence for the current academic year and is working on a doctoral program at the University of Illinois. She will return to her position in the fall.

Mrs. Verdelle V. Bradley, Librarian of Virginia Union University, represented the ATLA at the inauguration of Dr. James A. Jones as President of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, on April 4.

Miss Katherine S. Diehl, former Librarian of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas, and an associate member of ATLA, published on April 6 a new volume entitled One Librarian, her second book to be released in less than six months. Miss Diehl was the compiler of Religions, Mythologies, Folklore: An Annotated Bibliography, which appeared earlier this year. The publisher's announcement describes her more recent book as "A sparkling vignette of the one-man library and its librarian. This is librarianship as it is in the vast majority of small libraries--from seeing that the waste baskets are emptied, experimenting with new techniques, selecting equipment, building the new building, and the development of a philosophy of librarianship." One Librarian was published by The Scarecrow Press in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and is priced at \$3.00.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS - Continued

Dr. L. R. Elliott, Librarian of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, was the recipient on March 14 of a citation from the Board of Trustees of the Fort Worth Public Library, in recognition of his seventeen years of service on the Board. During most of his period of service, Dr. Elliott has been Chairman of the Administration Committee. He has also served on the Finance and Book Committees and as Chairman of the committees selecting the present and the two previous librarians.

Mr. Donn Michael Farris, Librarian of the Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, has joined the editorial staff of Religion and Health, a monthly journal now in its fifth year of publication and edited by Dr. Russell L. Dicks, Professor of Pastoral Care on the Duke Divinity School faculty.

Mr. John E. Kephart, Librarian of Wheaton College and Graduate School of Theology in Wheaton, Illinois, attended the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Cleveland, Ohio, April 10-12, and spoke to the meeting of the Seminary Division of the Association's Commission on Education regarding library organization, standards, improvement and accreditation.

Mr. Frederick E. Kidder, formerly Assistant Librarian of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and now interim Assistant Director of the University of Florida's School of Inter-American Studies in Gainesville, Florida, was a delegate to the Pan American Union roundtable at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on April 23-28. The roundtable was organized for the discussion of methods of strengthening understanding among the countries of the Americas. During the meetings, to which no religious leaders had been invited, Mr. Kidder sought to interpret the part which religion could play in promoting understanding. Resolutions of the roundtable censured specific instances of racial strife and lack of freedom in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Harold B. Prince, Librarian of the Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, will teach two courses in library administration at the summer session of the Emory University School of Librarianship, Emory University, Georgia, this year.

Mrs. Mary M. Stribling, Librarian of the South-Eastern Bible College in Lakeland, Florida, will retire in June at the age of 80. In recognition of Mrs. Stribling's service as Librarian since the institution was founded in 1944, the Board of Directors and the Board of Administration have named the College library the Mary M. Stribling Library. Miss A. Elizabeth Skipper will succeed Mrs. Stribling as Librarian at the beginning of the next academic year.

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The General Theological Seminary, New York City, will have a summer exhibition on the life and career of the Rt. Rev. Samuel Seabury. This exhibition will include books, pamphlets, documents, letters, portraits and objects associated with the commencement of the Episcopal Church as an independent church in the United States. Members of ATLA visiting New York are welcome to come to see this exhibition.

A collection of over 1,100 Arabic manuscripts at the Hartford Seminary Foundation in Hartford, Connecticut, is being cataloged. The printed catalog will be published by E. J. Brill in Leiden, The Netherlands, in the fall of 1956. The tentative price is \$4.00.

The initial number of Kerygma und Dogma, Zeitschrift für Theologische Forschung und Kirchliche Lehre, appeared in January, 1955. The publisher is Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht in Göttingen, Germany; and the subscription rate is 9,80 DM a year. Four numbers were issued in 1955.

The Fuller Library Bulletin will suspend publication temporarily after the appearance of Number 31-32. Number 30 appeared a short time ago and Number 31-32 is expected to be ready for distribution within a few weeks. It is to contain a comprehensive bibliography on the Dead Sea Scrolls, prepared by Mr. William LaSor.

The Upper Room Pulpit will cease publication with the May 1956 issue. All libraries having incomplete files which they wish to complete are invited to write to Mr. Brooks B. Little and to list the issues which they lack. Not all issues are available but needed numbers will be furnished as long as supplies permit. Communications should be addressed to Mr. Brooks B. Little, The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

The September 1956 issue of Special Libraries, the official journal of the Special Libraries Association, will be devoted to various aspects of religious libraries. It will include an article by Miss Katherine S. Diehl entitled "A Librarian Looks at Schools of Theology," as well as features by professional librarians in Catholic, Protestant and Jewish libraries. This issue of Special Libraries should be of particular interest to members of ATLA.

